

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held
Thursday 19 May 2016 at Magelake Parish Pavilion

Chairman: E Hagelstein

Present: Parish Councillors, District Councillors & Parishioners attended the meeting

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Finance:

Audited annual return and accounts for the year ended 31.03.2015

The Clerk presented the audited annual return and accounts of the Parish Council for 2014-15. The clerk was also able to report that the external auditor had issued an unqualified audit report for the year.

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

The Clerk presented the current accounts to the meeting it was noted that these had been presented to the Parish Council at the May Parish Council meeting and they had been agreed. The Clerk ran through the income and expenses of the council for the year ended 31 March 2016, the accounts would be submitted to the external auditor in June as required.

Accounts of Magelake Parish Pavilion:

The accounts for Magelake 31 December 2015 were not available at the meeting but these would be circulated as soon as they had been made available to the Clerk.

Accounts of Uffculme Bowling Club:

The Clerk shared the statement of accounts that she had been provided with from Uffculme Bowling Club and she noted that the bowling club seemed to be in a strong position financially.

Accounts of Uffculme Mens Club:

No accounts were made available to the Clerk ahead of the meeting and the Clerk was unsure whether these would be made available. As and when they were made available they would be shared with the Parish Council.

Business Arising:

Uffculme Central

The meeting was updated that Uffculme Central has not progressed in the last 12 months, however it was hoped that we could move forward with the designs and progress matter with both the district and county council and determine whether we could develop the area as required. It was hoped that the council could secure funding from Viridor credits however the proposal pack needed to be updated ahead of the submission deadline which was in November so work would commence on this nearer the time.

Landfill Site at Broadpath:

The council reported that there was an expected planning application to be submitted for the quarrying of remaining material at Houndaller in the not too distant future it was hoped that during this process Aggregate

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Industries would be forced to improve their practices in the area nearer including dealing with the lorries exiting the site from the Broadpath site.

It was also hoped that the ongoing ROMP process would allow mitigating implications to be imposed on Aggregate Industries for the works they all wanted to carry out. They are also trying to extend the period of works by a further 15 years.

Devon Minerals Plan:

The meeting was advised that the inspection of the Devon Minerals plan was being held at County Hall Exeter on 24-27 May 2016 and that the Parish Council had secured attendance to speak during the inquiry. The former Clerk, Francis Welland would attend with the current Clerk to ensure that all of the information that was compiled in the Parish Council's response was dealt with accordingly. The Parish Council has raised within their submission document issues regarding traffic within and around the site, especially issues exiting from Broadpath. Once the Minerals Plan had been examined the Inspector would then consider the site and the plan would be updated and finally adopted by the County Council, although this was likely to be in 2017.

Mid Devon local plan through to 2033

The report on J28 regarding technical data were ongoing and these were causing delays with the submission of the local plan to the Secretary of State. Councillors of MDDC had recently lobbied to carry out a vote on whether or not a feasibility report should be prepared by officers of the council to determine whether inclusion of J27 in the local plan was an option. It had been resolved at the April Mid Devon District Council full council meeting that the report would be prepared, this report would examine whether it was possible to include the land and it should be noted that the land, at this point, was not being included. The council had also been requested to respond to an environmental scoping report recently regarding J27. This had been requested by potential developers of the site and the Parish Council had compiled its response which had been submitted to Mid Devon District Council earlier this month.

Broadband:

The ongoing broadband issues were discussed at the meeting and it was noted that fibre broadband had made its way to The Square of Uffculme however many areas surrounding the village have not been provided with this at the time. There were also concerns about the re broadband speeds and connection in Ashill and Craddock that was discussed.

Any Other Business:

As there was no other business raised by any member of the public the meeting was closed.